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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed June 6, 2005. This Amendment and Response is being submitted within two (2) months from the date of the Office Action for the purpose of obtaining a Notice of Allowance or an Advisory Action prior to the shortened statutory three (3) month response date of September 6, 2005. In view of the following amendments and remarks, entry of these amendments and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.